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Occasional-Conformity.

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Occasionally as we discourft
Of State, and Church and Nation,
Occasionally we took to view,
That Engine call'd *Occasion*.

Occasion fram'd for nothing else,
But to *Occasion* Mischief:
A Cloak to cover Hypocrites,
Of whom the Devil is chief.

Occasion for a Loop-hole serves,
Whenever there's *Occasion*
To leave Plain-dealing in the Lurch;
And fly to dear Evasion.

The *Jesuit* may Hang himself,
And His Equivocation:
That fustly Ware's now thrown aside,
Occasion's all the Fashion.

Some Sophisters of late devis'd,
This new Trick call'd *Occasion*,
By which they have refin'd upon
All former Reformation.

Dull Martyrs spilt their Blood in vain,
For want of this Device Sir,
By this they might have *Heathens* been;
And *Christians* in a Trice Str.

Occasion more Faces hath,
Upon *Occasion* surely,
Than any Canting *Quaker* makes;
When he holds forth demurely.

True SCOT upon *Occasion*,
Can look like *Englisb* Bishop,
And so Impose with Noise and Tone,
On all that come to His Shop.

Occasion can make a Man,
With little or no Trouble,
Sincere, as who Acts Cat in Pan,
And honest as *Tom Double*.

Occasion permits some Men,
Occasionally to Lye Sir,
And practise things that are too Vile;
For such as Ycu and I Sir.

Occasionally they shall Conform;
Occasionally Dissent Sir,
Occasionally take an Oath,
To break it with intent Sir.

Occasionally shall go to Church,
Occasionally to Meeting,
Occasionally betray the LOR D,
While they like *Judas* greet Him.

Occasionally deny Him too,
In open View of Men Sir,
And where's the Harm? for when 'tis fit;
They own Him can agen Sir.

Occasionally Communicate,
Occasionally refrain Sir,
But constantly Communicate;
When 'twill *Occasion* gain Sir,

When 'twill OCCASION Gendly *Men*.
To Parliament to ride---a,
And there with great Sincerity,
To take *Occasion's* Side---a.

On such *Occasions* they can Kneel,
Like rankest Idolaters,
But Turn once serv'd, and Place obtain'd;
No stiffer Idol Haters.

Thus Occasionally for GOD they are;
And Occasionally for Devil;
Occasionally for Good again,
Occasionally for Evil.

Occasionally for Heaven bound,
Occasionally for Hell Sir,
But surely 'twill be sad to have;
Occasion there to dwell Sir.

